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SUBJECT: US VISIT OF FRENCH TRANSPORT MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GUENA WAS MOVING FROM TRANSPORT MINISTRY TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY IN REORGANIZATION OF MESSMER GOVERNMENT, CUEVELLIER, GUENA'S CHEF DE CABINET, PHONED EMBASSY TO SAY THAT OF COURSE GUENA'S TRAVEL TO US AT SECRETARY BRINEGAR'S INVITATION WAS NOW OFF. HE ASKED EMBASSY TO CONVEY GUENA'S REGRETS TO SECRETARY BRINEGAR.

2. CUEVELLIER INDICATED GOF LIKELY CONSIDER INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO THE FUNCTION (TRANSPORT MINISTER) AND NOT TO THE UNCIMBENT INDIVIDUAL BUT THIS WAS MATTER FOR NEW TRANSPORT MINISTRY TEAM TO FOLLOW UP ON. HE SAID THAT WHILE OLIVIER GUICHARD, MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT IN FORMER MESSMER GOVERNMENT, WAS MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT IN NEWLY REORGANIZED CABINET, AYLMAR ACHILLE-FOULD AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT WOULD PROBABLY BE DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOST TRANSPORT QUESTIONS. ANY RENEWAL FOX OF USG INVITATION FOR VISIT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO GUICHARD, SAID CUEVELLIER, THOUGH RESPONSE MIGHT BE SUGGESTION THAT ACHILLE-FOULD MAKE THE TRIP.

3. LANSALOT-BASOU OF FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHEN IN PARIS LAST WEEK, TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE WAS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH
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DOT ON REVIVING THE VISIT. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DOT THEREFORE CONTINUE

WORK THROUGH LANSALOT-BASSU AT THIS STAGE BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING KEPT INFORMED AND REMAIN AT DOT'S DISPOSAL FOR FORWARDING
OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE ON THIS MATTER TO GUICHARD
OR TO ACHILLE-FOULD.STONE

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